

What is claimed:

1. A method for use in a multi-level secure system for sanitizing a message, said multi-level secure system including at least first and second security levels wherein first security level users are authorized to receive sensitive information that second security level users are not authorized to receive, said method comprising the steps of:

establishing a computer-based sanitization tool for sanitizing messages based on predefined sanitization rules;

operating said computer-based sanitization tool to receive a first message from a first external system associated with said first security level, said first message including said sensitive information and additional information;

first operating said computer-based sanitization tool to identify said sensitive information within said message and to sanitize said message relative to said sensitive information, thereby generating a sanitized message; and

second operating said computer-based sanitization tool for transmission of said sanitized message to a second external system, said second external system being associated with said second security level.